

Dear North Carolina Brewers and Music Festival Family,

For the past two weeks, we've been watching, anxious and uncertain, as our communities and our lives have changed day-by-day as we all respond to the rapidly growing concerns brought on by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Like you, we've remained optimistic and resilient, and we've continued to follow statements and recommendations released by our local and regional governments as well as the CDC and other healthcare experts. We've hoped that we will weather through this thing and return to our normal lives; we've continued to want to celebrate our tenth anniversary festival with all of you this spring.

In light of the most recent recommendations put out by the CDC on March 15th, we have decided with heavy hearts to postpone this year's North Carolina Brewers and Music Festival until May 7th and 8th, 2021 when we can return to life as usual and celebrate together again. Our first commitment is always to our staff, our volunteers, our artists and brewers, and most importantly to you, so until more is known about how this virus will affect our community, this is the most responsible choice that we can make. We had wanted more, we had hoped for better news, and we have held out to see if we could continue to share this wonderful weekend with you, but the reality is that right now, we contribute most by helping one another remain safe and healthy.

To make the transition from this year to the 2021 event as seamless and exciting as possible, we have already worked with our artists, our brewers, and our vendors to make sure that we are able to carry over this year's lineup and infrastructure to next year's festival date. In addition, we are also in conversation with Eventbrite regarding the best options we can offer you when it comes to making a choice about how your ticket investment plays out.

Because this decision affects you as much as it does us, we will offer full refunds of all ticket purchases to any of you who would prefer that option. We understand the inconvenience that this change might cause you, and we ask that you offer us your patience while we organize that process. As another option, we would also like to offer you the opportunity to retain your ticket purchase and to roll it over into next year's attendance. Any ticket that has already been purchased for 2020 will be honored at our 2021 festival in lieu of a refund. That is a choice we are allowing you to make, and we will be delighted to have you back as our guests then!

Please check back with us often as we continue to plan for the 2021 ("unofficial 10th Anniversary") North Carolina Brewers and Music Festival. Again, thank you for your patience and understanding, but mostly for your continued support at the festival. We couldn't keep putting on this event without you, and we continue to be thankful year after year.

Our very best to each of you,

Historic Rural Hill and 5string Productions

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